

# WILD DEMONSTRATION IN THE HOUSE AS MEMBERS FROM TEXAS VENT SPLEEN

**Representative Blandon Was Accused by His Colleagues of Sending Letter to Texas Newspapers Stating That He Alone Had Blocked Attempts of Fellow Members to Raid the Treasury and Obtain Salary Increase—Representative Summers Shook Clipping in Mr. Blandon's Face and Shouted: "You Knew It Was as False as Hell"—Hoots and Catcalls Marked One of the Stormiest Sessions in Years.**

Washington, Feb. 17.—Hoots, catcalls and the word "liar" were shouted on the floor of the house today in the stormiest session in years. The uproar started when Representative Summers of Texas, having left a sick bed, appeared in the house and, supported by most members of his own state delegation, launched an attack on his colleague, Representative Blandon.

Summers had been circulating about the house for days that the Texans were preparing to make the attack on their fellow member, but it was held off until Mr. Summers was physically able to direct the assault. He then launched a scathing attack on Blandon, who had been accused of sending a letter to Texas newspapers stating that he alone had blocked attempts of fellow members to raid the treasury and obtain salary increase.

Summers, walking back and forth, continued the attack, Blandon's eyes following every step. The speech was constantly interrupted with shouting at the conclusion of almost every sentence of denunciation.

Mr. Summers declared the record showed that no effort had been made to attack through a salary increase bill, and that Mr. Blandon's claim that he was forced to remain silent was a lie. He was utterly scorned and untrue. The question had come up twice in the present congress, Mr. Summers said, and it was knocked out on points of order, once by Representative Blandon, and once by Representative Wood, republican, Indiana. Mr. Blandon, he asserted, was not even "in on the game."

The demonstration reached remarkable proportions when a tap of the gavel marked the close of the time allotted for the speech. Democrats, first on their feet in a body, were joined at the same instant by every republican. There was a rush to the front as members struggled to grasp Mr. Summers by the hand.

Above the tumult Blandon strove vainly to make himself heard. As Mr. Summers turned toward him, he spat another group of members started toward him to offer congratulations. Mr. Blandon, his voice still pitched high, again attempted to gain a hearing. Again he was howled down, as a dozen republicans insisted on enforcement of the rule that he take his seat.

After the hubbub had kept up for several minutes, Chairman Steiwer of the subcommittee in charge of the fortification bill, which was before the house, gave the Texas three minutes to reply, but nobody could hear half he said. Right at the start Mr. Blandon caused a row by charging that Representative Campbell, democrat, Pennsylvania, had asked him to keep away when the salary bill was called up.

Pale with anger, Mr. Campbell jumped to his feet and shouted an indignant denial, declaring there was not a word of truth in the statement. Apparently unruffled, Mr. Blandon turned toward the republican side and charged that Representative Strong of Kansas had requested him not to demand a roll call on the measure.

Also angry, Mr. Strong walked toward Mr. Blandon and told the house the statement was false. In the meantime of his time Mr. Blandon declared that Mr. Summers wanted to run for the senate from Texas and that this desire was the basis of the attack on him.

At this point the whole house again rose and the echo of the mighty shout, the statement provoked must have reached the senate and disturbed its dignity. Old members said that it was the most remarkable spectacle they had ever witnessed, when some semblance of order was restored. Blandon declared that he, too, had been mentioned by Texas papers as a traitor to his party.

Nothing could be heard after that, for the uproar got beyond all bounds. The attack today on Mr. Blandon was the culmination of many days heretofore of constant and continuous blocking of legislation by points of order.

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## BROOKLYN DETECTIVE KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED

New York, Feb. 17.—Detective Joseph Brigidine attacked to the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, was shot and killed, and another detective, Detective George Horan, was wounded today when they called at the Brooklyn branch of the American Brass Company, to look into an insurance company.

Chief S. T. Davis, one of the owners of the company, is being held by the police. Police said Davis recently told an automobile through that and Detective Brigidine recovered it for him. Later Davis told the police that he was a shot man and fired at the men.

McGone and Horan were not seriously injured. Assistant District Attorney Everett Caldwell, who took charge of the investigation, said later that Davis told him that when the truth is known, the shooting will prove to be a case of self defense.

Detestives told newspapermen that Davis had contacted a "riot" in the establishment, so arranged that when button on his desk was pressed a number of his employees from another room would appear, armed with knives and guns. The detectives claim five or six men appeared in this fashion after the shooting.

Physicians report that CARUSO IS HOLDING HIS OWN. New York, Feb. 17.—At a late hour tonight Caruso, famous tenor, was reported to be resting comfortably, although he was still feverish.

The physicians attending Mr. Caruso gave out the following bulletin on his condition tonight: "Mr. Caruso is holding his own. He has a better day and is resting comfortably. His fever and inflammation continue, but show a lessened virulence."

DR. FRANCIS H. MURRAY.  
DR. ANTONIO STELLA.  
DR. SAMUEL LAMBERT.

## TO RETURN TO WORK

Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 17.—All of the workers of the Holyoke Paper Mill, who were involved in the controversy with the Crocker-McClellan and Chemical Paper companies, who have been on strike in resistance to the individual contract system, returned to work this morning, and it was indicated that the paper makers, members of Eagle lodge, would go to work Monday following the recommendation of a special committee pending the drafting of a new agreement. Conference was expressed today following a conference with the paper manufacturers, that Eagle lodge would accept the amended contract.

## Brief Telegrams

Exchange rates on the pound sterling have been gradually improving for several weeks.

The Hawaiian sugar crop in 1920 was a per cent. below the average of the preceding four years.

Fire destroyed two bungalows on Hilton Heights, Branford, with a loss estimated at \$2,000.

The second death from sleeping sickness within a week, was announced in Springfield, Mass.

Former Premier Venizelos of Greece and the Greek government have arrived at a complete understanding.

John H. McFadden, Sr., cotton broker, and art patron died suddenly at his summer home in Atlantic City.

Sylvester A. J. Rawling, 63, musical critic of the New York Evening World, died in New York of heart disease.

Agitation against infected shaving brushes has resulted in virtually paralyzing the Japanese brush industry.

Four miners were killed by an explosion in the Liberty coal mine near Francisco, 30 miles northeast of Evansville, Ind.

President Wilson approved the bill to build a bridge across the Delaware river between Philadelphia and Camden, N. J.

Coal is moving into New England in constantly increasing quantity with indication that soon the supply will be plentiful.

David W. Brooks, an aged resident of Westbrook, Conn., was struck and killed by an automobile driven by Mrs. A. M. Valcour, of Waterbury.

Sleeping sickness caused two deaths in Scranton, Pa., and investigation by the board of health reveals a number of new cases.

Archbishop Dougherty of Philadelphia when he is created a cardinal will be made the "titular" of some church in Rome.

Eight men and a woman were arrested in a raid by the police narcotics squad on a large garage on East Eleventh street, New York.

The plant of the Rock Island (Ill.) News, a sensational weekly, was dynamited. The plant was wrecked, but no one was injured.

Adelbert F. Nive, aged 49, for many years general superintendent of the Western branch of the American Brass Company, died at his home in Woodbury.

Joseph and Clarence Johnson, father and son were burned to death when trapped by fire in a three-story tenement in Everett, Mass.

Dean Wilbur H. Cross was reappointed dean of the Yale graduate school for five years by the corporation at its meeting last Saturday.

Creation of a single district and a single authority for the port of New York was urged by Governor Miller in a message to the legislature.

Interstate Commerce Commission ordered passenger and freight rates in Indiana to be raised to the level of interstate fares, effective March 24.

King Alfonso of Spain will be asked to intervene in a friendly fashion with the United States in behalf of the restoration of full liberty to San Domingo.

Police authorities have detained in the bank of Italy the 100,000 gold rubles found on board the Italian steamer Anica when it was searched at Naples.

All records for the construction of merchant vessels were broken by the yards at Great Britain during 1920 when 613 vessels, of 2,855,424 tons were completed.

## Unable to Oust Dem. Tremont Trust Co., Boston, is Closed

Washington, Feb. 17.—Chairman George White of the democratic national committee and his supporters came forth today to launch a new campaign to oust the party's leaders since the November election.

A resolution referring to the requested meeting of the national committee, as adopted, read:

"That the chairman be requested to notify the members of the democratic national committee who signed a request for a meeting of the full committee and which was presented at this meeting, that the executive committee after careful consideration deems it impracticable to hold a meeting of the full committee at the time and place requested by the members of the committee living at a distance to arrange to attend the meeting at that time."

Favorable action on the Low petition was vigorously opposed by Homer S. Cummings and Senator Glass, national committee members from Connecticut and Virginia, respectively, who said that while they favored the meeting of the national committee in the near future as an abstract proposition, they were opposed to the present movement in view of the "false impression" that such a meeting would be held.

"Let's go out of here pulling together," Mr. Cummings told the executive committee, "with the knowledge that ultimately we are going to have a meeting of the full committee, and let us not let Chairman White to call that meeting, when in his discretion he thinks it wise and necessary to do so."

The forces petitioning for an immediate meeting refused to consent tonight on the executive committee's action, but it was indicated that they would not abandon their efforts to bring about a meeting in the near future.

## PRESIDENT HOWAT OF MINE WORKERS AGAIN ARRESTED

Pittsburg, Kansas, Feb. 17.—Alexander M. Howat, president, and August Dorchy, vice president, respectively, of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers were arrested today on warrants charging them with criminally violating the Kansas industrial court law in connection with the calling of the Mickle strike.

The act of Howat and Dorchy is the first under the criminal sections of the industrial court law in Kansas since the Mickle strike.

If held for trial on the criminal charge, Howat and Dorchy will face the same charges as the Mickle strikers, who were arrested last week on a similar charge.

Both men were sentenced to jail last week for contempt of court and again yesterday on a similar charge.

## DRIVE FOR PASSAGE OF THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 17.—Enactment of the immigration restriction bill before the house today was the object of a drive started today by senate leaders. The movement was inaugurated after Senator Harris, democrat, of Nevada, had advised passage of the legislation, declaring that "thousands of undesirable, some of them typists, are to be let into the country, unless immigration barriers are put up."

The immigration measure, by agreement of republican leaders, will be given privileged position tomorrow, ahead of an agenda of bills, with conference on expressed legislation, that the legislation would be salvaged from the congressional jam.

Enactment of the bill will have priority, senate leaders said tonight, that is expected to lay aside temporarily during the next few days for passage of several appropriations bills and possibly a few other measures.

## DECLARES JAPAN INTENDS TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR

Washington, Feb. 17.—Refusal of Japan to make any move toward disarmament after she has completed her battleship and cruiser program was declared by Representative Miller, republican, today, to mean preparation for war unless the cool-headed statesmen and diplomats of Japan purge the demagogue, jingo and junkies that do not appear to have the public eye and ear.

Urging in a speech in the house the strengthening of Pacific coast defenses, Representative Miller declared that "though every day of the world we hear of the rattle of the sabre from across the Pacific, there was no possibility of war between the United States and Japan until the latter had acquired a fleet of submarines."

"It might just as well be understood now, better than at any time in the future," added the Washington representative, "that our Pacific coast states will not and shall not become an unresisted Japan."

## OPTIMISTIC OF OUTLOOK FOR LUMBER BUSINESS

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 17.—The lumber dealers association of Connecticut, at the closing session of its annual convention here today elected the following officers: President, William J. Riley, Hartford; vice president, Robert W. Chaffee, Derby; secretary, James Gray, Bristol; treasurer, H. Stoddard, New Haven; directors for three years: A. C. Tyler, Bridgeport; J. J. Wylie, Torrington; and William T. Smith, Waterbury.

A. C. Tyler, the retiring president, read his report on the activities of the outlook for the lumber business and said he believed the "period of recession" had passed.

## Following Announcement, Police Were Called to Guard the Offices.

Boston, Feb. 17.—The Tremont Trust company, a banking institution with savings and commercial departments, was closed today by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen.

Commissioner Allen in formally announcing his action said:

"The Tremont Trust company is closed as a result of unkind and unauthoritative methods."

"My action has become necessary for two reasons: first, on account of violation of the banking law of the commonwealth; secondly, because of the total of bad and doubtful loans is such that the capital is seriously impaired. It is for the protection of depositors' stock holders and all concerned that I have taken possession in accordance with the duty imposed upon me by law."

The police were posted after banking hours, but a crowd soon gathered outside and police were called to guard the office in Scollay square. Officials of the bank were said to have left the institution.

The company which has a capitalization of \$1,235,500, has been the most active in the city in soliciting business by newspaper advertising.

Ann E. French, formerly a United States district attorney, president of the institution, and Simon Swift, vice president, it has a branch in the Roxbury district.

During the run on several trust companies, the Tremont Trust company was forced to invoke the aid of a thirty day moratorium in withdrawal of its savings accounts, but was able to weather the storm of a heavy run at that time.

## THE BANK IS SOLVENT

Boston, Feb. 17.—The Tremont Trust company was closed by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen today soon after the regular hours of business had ended. Coupled with the formal announcement of his action was the charge made by the commissioner that the banking law of the state had been violated in the conduct of the institution and that its capital had been seriously impaired by bad and doubtful loans.

The Tremont was established in 1914 and it has had the reputation of a rapidly growing business. Late in September in common with some other institutions, it experienced heavy withdrawals as a result of the alarm among depositors following the revelations which landed Charles Feltz in jail.

The president of the Tremont is Ann E. French, who was formerly United States district attorney for this district. Simon Swift is vice president; Charles W. Levi, secretary; and Benjamin H. Swift, treasurer. The bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve system, but has commercial and savings departments, the capital stock is \$1,235,500.

A statement filed with the bank commissioner last September, showed that it had a deposit of \$1,000,000 in the commercial banking department, \$1,000,000 in the savings department, and \$1,000,000 in the loan department. It also had a deposit of \$1,000,000 in the commercial banking department, \$1,000,000 in the savings department, and \$1,000,000 in the loan department.

"I am sorry to hear that the Tremont Trust has not been able to overcome its difficulties," he said, "but I am confident that the banking law of the state will be the best interests of the commonwealth and its people. I do not think there is any occasion for the public to become alarmed over the condition of other banks."

The Tremont attracted a great many depositors, it is said, through its newspaper advertising and its practice of paying interest monthly in its savings department.

In a statement tonight Vice President Swift declared the bank was solvent and that the statement of its condition was correct. He also declared that the bank was not a member of the Federal Reserve system, but had commercial and savings departments, the capital stock is \$1,235,500.

## ANOTHER SUSPECTED CASE OF TYPHUS IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 17.—Another suspected case of typhus was discovered by city health inspectors today, when they examined a batch of immigrant arriving from Manhattan Island for the Ellis Island immigration station. The suspect, a teenage passenger arriving here on the Adriatic last Saturday, was taken to a hospital for observation.

City health authorities continued their campaign against vermin-infested immigrants and nearly 200 were held up during the day. Of this number about 125 were detained when they were examined in the Grand Central station after their arrival by train from Boston where they had been taken from trans-Atlantic vessels.

## ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS IN NEW HAVEN, 1,321 IN 1920

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 17.—The New Haven police department arrested 2,221 persons in this city in 1920 for drunkenness, says the annual report of Chief Philip T. Smith, sent by the mayor today. This covers the first complete year under national prohibition and shows a decrease of 923 in the number of arrests for drunkenness, the total for 1919 having been 3,144.

## BORAH AND M'CORMICK IN CLASH OVER DISARMAMENT

Illinois Senator Declared That Borah's Proposal Would "Disarm" President-Elect Harding in Possible Negotiations For Agreement Among the Powers—Senator From Idaho Sees Menace in Appropriations and Taxes, With a Deficit This Year of \$2,000,000,000—Mr. Borah Declared That the Proposed Appropriations For the Army and Navy Bordered on "Madness."

Washington, Feb. 17.—Emphatic notice was given in the senate today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, that he would not "abdicate the responsibility of that of President Harding during the next four years."

Senator Borah's declaration came at the conclusion of a sharp clash with Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, over the question of disarmament. The latter had charged that the naval disarmament proposals of Senator Borah would "disarm" Mr. Harding in arranging for general disarmament efforts.

Senator Borah declined any desire to haggle Mr. Harding. Declaring that proposed appropriations for the army and navy bordered on "madness," he declared that he would not "abdicate the responsibility of that of President Harding during the next four years."

The Illinois senator, replying, said that Senator Borah's proposals as to disarmament would "disarm" Mr. Harding in arranging for general disarmament efforts. He was challenged by "the literary administrator" and my friend, the great senator from Idaho.

Senator Borah, replying, said that he had not advanced any "policy" that the United States be disarmed while other nations arm. But "merely" ventured to suggest that we suspend a little to ascertain whether certain types of vessels it is proposed to construct are effective to make a modern navy.

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"Much mystery surrounded this 'embarrassment' that I am wholly unable to comprehend," he said. "I will fall in with anything, but what is the program? I ask for something. I have ceased to be patient with the whispering of 'disarmament' in the senate. 'Disarmament' is a word, but it is not a program. Let me say my word without respect to the president's view," he concluded.

Taking up the gauge thrown down by the Idaho senator, Mr. McCormick attacked the suggestions of Senator Borah for disarmament conferences between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and for suspension of the American naval building program.

"The senator speaks," said Mr. McCormick, "to have America pass in her lap, for her own defense, to submit to be tried and proven engines of war, others of which the value is unknown, and to have the president, invite other nations to a conference on disarmament after we have stopped arming, while Japan continues to do so, and while the British, France is twice as powerful as the American."

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## MISS MARGARET WILSON DEFENDS COMMUNITY CENTERS

Washington, Feb. 17.—Members of congress who, she said, had opposed appropriations for local community centers on the ground that they were "breeding unrest" were warmly taken to task by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, in an address at today's session of the national woman's party convention here.

Declaring there was no evidence to support the charge, Miss Wilson asserted that even if the centers were "breeding unrest," it was not the business of congress to suppress the activities of individuals who have broken the law.

Speaking as a representative of the national community center organization, Miss Wilson declared more could be accomplished through the cooperation of individuals who have broken the law, than through the activities of individuals who have broken the law.

Prior to Miss Wilson's address, however, the executive committee of the national woman's party had placed before the convention a recommendation that the organization be continued, though reorganized under another name, and with a new program and a new executive board.

## 15,000 BUILDING TRADESMEN ARE IDLE IN BOSTON

Boston, Feb. 17.—The deadlock between the employers and the workmen of the building trades in this city, as a result of which 15,000 men are in idleness and construction of buildings valued at several million dollars has been stopped, remained unbroken after a conference between the parties in interest at City hall today. It was said neither side could make any basis for agreement.

Some of the Boston newspapers reported that it was Massachusetts Senator Charles F. Murphy, who had been awarded several decorations and who also served under Edith Cavell, that committed suicide. According to dispatches to the Havas agency, Mademoiselle Thullier, who lives in Paris, was greatly affected today by the news report.

## SUIT INVOLVING MOOSE MEMBERS WAS DISMISSED

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—Suit for an accounting brought by William George of Aurora, Ill., against certain officers and directors of the Liberal Life Assurance company of Anderson, Ind., was dismissed in federal court today by Judge A. B. Anderson. In dismissing the suit Judge Anderson said there was no evidence to show that the fund of the company had been improperly disbursed.

James N. Davis of Pittsburgh, director general of the Loyal Order of Moose, and Rodney H. Brandon of Mooseheart, Ill., supreme secretary of the Moose order, were among those named as defendants.

## TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT INCOME TAXES ON PROFITS

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 17.—The bureau of internal revenue will continue to collect income taxes on profits realized from sale of capital assets, despite the recent decision of Judge Edwin J. Hughes of the United States district court of Connecticut, that such gains are not taxable income. James J. Walsh, collector for Connecticut, said today.

The bureau has authorized the United States attorney for Connecticut to make an appeal to the United States supreme court for a review of Judge Hughes' decision, which was given in the case of Frederick F. Brewster of New Haven.

## MEN HAD DYNAMITE AND BURGLED TOOL

Newton, Mass., Feb. 17.—Two sticks of dynamite, caps and fuse, drills, hammer and a set of burglars' tools were found in an unlocked automobile that was stopped at West Newton early today.

Two men, who carried loaded revolvers, were arrested and two confederates escaped. The men, who gave the names of Walter Boylston of New York and William Anderson, an address, were charged with having burgled a tool in the residence, carrying in a loaded revolver and unlawfully carrying explosives.